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INTRODUCTION.

This book is published to make Sharon better known and appreciated. It gives information about the town and answers questions often asked by strangers. It is intended for gratuitous circulation and extra copies will be cheerfully furnished physicians and others on application to me. To those seeking homes, Sharon offers attractions unexcelled by any other locality.

Nature has given Sharon pure air, pure water and good drainage, which are the three great requisites to health and happiness. We have also fine walks and drives and beautiful scenery, and all these things can be enjoyed without sacrificing scarcely anything desirable that the residents of large cities have been accustomed to enjoy. Further information about the town will be cheerfully furnished on application by letter or otherwise. I have a long distance telephone in my residence and can be communicated with at all times from any telephone. My carriage is at Sharon Station every pleasant day except Saturday and Sunday, on the arrival of the train leaving Boston at 11.00 A. M. and the first afternoon train, and is at the service of those desirous of seeing property that is for sale or to let. A carriage and driver will be furnished at reasonable rates to those seeking board.

WILLIAM B. WICKES.

Since May, 1870, I have been engaged in selling and buying real estate in Sharon and vicinity, on commission, and have sold many estates including a majority of the hotels, farms, houses and vacant lands in Sharon, that have changed owners during this time. I have been employed to purchase land for the New York and New England Railroad, the Sharon Sanatarium, the Boston and Providence Railroad and other corporations and individuals and have also been employed to secure options on, or bond several large tracts of lands. As I do not speculate in Sharon real estate myself but only sell and buy for others, I am always disinterested in any advise or suggestions I give my patrons. Knowing the wonderful health giving properties of the air and water of Sharon and wishing to make its many attractions and advantages better known, I have published and distributed 20,000 copies of books describing the town.

In return I ask that those who wish to buy or sell property here and especially those who are drawn to Sharon by reading this book, will give me an opportunity to show them the attractions of the town and what I have to let or sell.

W. B. Wickes.

Sharon, Mass., June, 1896.

HOW TO REACH SHARON.

Sharon is 17 miles from Boston and 25 from Providence, on the main line of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. There are twelve trains from Boston each week day and four on Sunday. Time of trains from Boston, twenty-seven to forty minutes.

This road is one of the oldest, best equipped and most carefully managed roads in the country. It crosses no drawbridges, is double-tracked with heavy steel rails its entire length, and the trains are supplied with plenty of cars, so each passenger can have a seat.

As most of the trains are express between Boston and Sharon and consume but thirty minutes between the two places it will be seen that we are practically as near Boston as many places that join that city.

The Boston station on Columbus Avenue and Park Square, at the foot of Boston Common, is convenient and comfortable, and architecturally, is the most beautiful in the United States. It is said by those who have travelled extensively to be unequalled in the world, when convenience, looks and surroundings are taken into account. The station in Sharon is also well adapted to the wants of the travelling public and is supplied with the famous Sharon Spring water, and the

yard, and grounds are finely graded and embellished with shrubs.

Single fares from Sharon to Boston, forty cents; five tickets, one dollar and seventy-five cents or thirty-five cents each; a three months' ticket, twenty dollars; a two months' ticket, fifteen dollars; one month, eight dollars. The net cost on a three months' ticket is only twelve cents a trip; on a two months', fourteen cents, and on a one month ticket, fifteen cents. Single fares from Sharon to Providence, sixty cents. One thousand mile tickets, good on any portion of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. twenty dollars. Passengers from New York can reach Sharon by the all-rail Shore Line or by the Providence steamboat line. To drive from Boston to Sharon, take Brush Hill Turnpike and come via Canton. From Jamaica Plain come via Dedham and Norwood. From New Bedford, Taunton and Fall River, come via Easton Furnace or come by rail via Mansfield.

Sharon has fine mail facilities, there being twelve mails to and from the post-office, each week day. The Western Union Telegraph Company has an office in the railroad station, and the wires of the New England Telephone Company enable us to talk with all the country. Communication can be had at all hours of the day or night, direct with my residence in Sharon from any telephone in Boston or any of the surrounding towns, and, in

fact, by means of the long distance telephone, with almost any large city in the land. As the railroad time-table is liable to slight changes, it is omitted from this book, but a correct one will be furnished on application.

DESCRIPTION.

SHARON, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, offers great inducements to the farmer, the poultry-keeper, the gardener, the manufacturer, and the invalid, as also to those seeking a quiet, pleasant home. Its attractions as a suburban residence, especially to those doing business in Boston, Providence, and neighboring towns and cities, are unequalled by any other place within fifty miles of Boston.

Sharon is the most elevated town in eastern Massachusetts and from its situation and the nature of the soil, the natural drainage is almost perfect. It is at the summit of the watershed of three rivers, and it is a singular fact, though a very large town in extent, yet not one drop of water runs into it from any other town, but water runs out of Sharon into each of the seven adjoining towns. Thus it will be seen that the air and the water of Sharon can never be polluted by the drainage of any other town.

The town is from two hundred to five hundred and thirty feet above sea level. It is sheltered on the east by the Blue Hills of Milton. The soil is gravelly and

contains iron, and there is a great deal of pine wood growing in the town. All of these things, with the perfect drainage, tend to make the air of Sharon pure and healthy; but in addition to all this, some as yet undiscovered law, causes a large amount of ozone to always exist in the air here, making it at all times soft, balmy and extremely agreeable. Even the much and justly abused east wind is deprived of its harshness here and is not disagreeable.

In 1871 the Boston Traveller said: "In a work on local causes of consumption by D. Bowditch, published in 1852, he speaks of Sharon as likely to be free from lung diseases. The correctness of his opinion is now shown by the official records, from which it appears that one-fourth of all who have died in the town in the last five years were over eighty years of age and more have died from old age than from consumption.

"In the first four months of this year, one-half the deaths in this town were from old age, and were of persons over eighty-seven. It should be added that Sharon is a growing town, with twenty per cent. of its inhabitants between five and twenty years of age."

More than sixty years ago, when the Boston and Providence Railroad was being built, Major McNeil, who was then the most eminent civil engineer in this country, spent some time in Sharon. He published an article calling attention to the remarkably pure air of Sharon, but

at that time the influence of climate on health had not received attention and the matter was forgotten until twenty years later when the late A. D. Bacon, M. D., of Sharon, called the attention of other physicians to the subject.

Dr. Bacon said, "I have never seen contagious and infectious disease become epidemic here. I have had cases of small pox, diphtheria and scarlet fever in their most virulent form among my patients, under circumstances where we should suppose they would spread fearfully, but those most exposed did not take the disease." He also said: "All diseases seem to yield more readily to medical treatment here than in any other locality with which I am acquainted."

Careful tests made under the direction of a scientific man have shown more ozone in the air of Sharon than in any other place where tests have been made east of the Rocky Mountains.

Ozone exists here in such quantities as to destroy all disease germs in the atmosphere, so that no infectious or contagious disease ever has become epidemic here, and probably none ever will. The New York Medical Tribune says: "Air loaded with putrid or miasmatic exhalations is immediately purified by contact with ozonized air, and again a development of such exhalation cannot well take place in the presence of ozone. The action of ozone on such impure air is extremely powerful. According to Schœbein, an

atmosphere containing only 1-3240000 of ozone is capable of destroying all noxious matter contained in an equal volume of miasmatic air. Where or whenever there is a deficiency of this quantity of ozone, there will occur zymotic and contagious diseases, such as typhoid, scarlatina, measles, small pox, miasmatic fevers, yellow fever, etc., as well as all sorts of skin diseases."

SHARON AS A HEALTH RESORT.

HAY FEVER, BRIGHT'S DISEASE AND CONSUMPTION CURED.

The pure air of Sharon has already been spoken of. It is unlike that of any other place in the Eastern States and is of such a peculiar nature that invalids feel its beneficial effects at once and I earnestly advise the sick and convalescent to give it a trial. The best physicians in Boston and other cities and towns have found the air here beneficial to very young children and send the weakly babes of their wealthy patrons to Sharon to board, and the Commonwealth and the several charitable institutions that have the care of orphan babies, send many of them here to be cared for. The majority of them live and thrive notwithstanding that they are fed from a bottle and most of them have inherited diseases from their parents.

Statistics will show that the chances

for a young infant to survive are much greater in Sharon than in almost any other place. Here comes in my theory that milk from Sharon cows is healthier than that from cows kept in less favored regions. Those who know how sensitive the nursing babe is to anything eaten by the woman that gives it sustenance, will believe that a cow breathing the ozone laden air of Sharon will give healthier milk than a cow kept where the air is not so pure. For years some of the best physicians in New England and New York have sent me some of their chronic and convalescent patients to get boarded and though this branch of my business is of no benefit to me, yet I take an interest in it and am happy to aid people to get places suited to their requirements and their purses. From my long and varied experience I am often able to make valuable suggestions on the subject.

Among those whom I have placed, a great many have been benefited and some have been cured of what seemed to be incurable disease. I have seen a young girl permanently cured of a severe case of Bright's disease and in several others that disease has been arrested. I think Sharon water is almost a specific for diseases of the kidneys. A young son of a prominent Boston official has just left Sharon apparently entirely cured of the worse case of St. Vitus' dance that ever came under my notice. Those suffering from indigestion, insomnia or impure

blood, are usually soon relieved by a residence in Sharon. There have been some wonderful cures here of rose cold and half fever.

For all diseases of the lungs and respitory organs, including catarrh and bronchitis, the air of this town seems to be more helpful than that of any other place east of the Rocky Mountains, and taking everything into consideration I think the patient is as likely to be benefited here as in any place in the West, Southwest or South. We have people now living in Sharon and enjoying perfect health that came here apparently in the last stages of consumption. Those who do not recover breathe easier and suffer less than they would in other places.

I can give the addresses of doctors of all schools in Boston, New York, Newport, Fall River, New Bedford and many other places, who have had patients sick with most of the diseases that flesh is heir to, who have derived benefit from a residence here, but reference to them is hardly necessary, since the best of the medical profession throughout the country are enthusiastic in their praises of Sharon air. But many times they find it hard to convince their patients that so simple and easy a change as a journey to Sharon will effect their cure.

Said one of Boston's best physicians not long ago: "If I could make my wealthy patients believe in Sharon as I do, I could fill every house in your little

town, but they think they ought to go away off somewhere." Again we say to all invalids, give Sharon air a trial. It won't cost you much, and may and probably will benefit you as it has hundreds of others.

Owners of fancy animals have found that the air of Sharon is as beneficial to beast as to man, and send their valuable dogs and horses here to board. In 1872 when almost every horse throughout the land was sick with epizootic, our horses in Sharon escaped, though used every day, thus showing that the ozone in the air here does kill disease germs. In one case at that time, a horse driven into town by a pedler, died of the disease, while the expressman's horse in the next stall did not take it, though no special precautions were used to prevent it.

SHARON SANATARIUM.

The Sharon Sanatarium for the treatment of incipient pulmonary troubles, is finely located, about one mile west of the village, on a farm that I selected for it. It is the first sanatarium of the kind in New England though there are several successful ones in Europe. It was located in Sharon on account of the well known curative effects of Sharon air and the pure water here. The building was erected under the direct supervision of an eminent specialist who had visited and examined all the best sanatariums in the

world. It contains every convenience known to medical science.

It was opened to patients in February, 1891, and in the short time it has been in operation its success has fully justified the hopes of its founders Although a small amount of weekly board is charged, it is virtually a charitable institution and I commend it to those who are disposed to help a worthy charity. It is right here in our own town and we can all see that the money is well spent. The following form of bequest may be used in making a will:

"I give and bequeath unto the Sharon Sanatarium, for Pulmonary Diseases, in Sharon, Massachusetts, its successors and assigns, the sum of ——— dollars."

The demands of patients far exceeds the capacity of the institution and money is needed to build more extensive buildings. The public are invited to inspect the institution, especially medical men and women. Visiting days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Dr. Vincent Y. Bowditch, 506 Beacon St., Boston, is Medical Director. Mr. N. H. Stone, 614 Sears Building, Boston, is treasurer of the corporation and all gifts of money may be sent to him. Applications for admissions should be made to "Superintendent of Sanatarium, Sharon, Mass."

WATER.

The town has an abundant supply of

pure water taken from an immense spring near the head waters of the Neponset and Taunton rivers. The waters of this and neighboring springs have long been celebrated. Tradition tells us that the Indians and early settlers believed its use would cure dispepsia and jaundice and dissolve gall and bladder stones, and even in our own day, intelligent people ascribe wonderful cures of different diseases to its use.

Chemical analysis, however, shows no especial medicinal qualities, but a remarkable absence of all deleterious qualities, and as far as I am able to discover, it is simply very pure water which remains ever the same summer and winter. Another remarkable thing about it is that it retains its purity and freshness a long time if kept in glass. The spring flows about 330,000 gallons a day. From its great elevation there is no danger of its ever being contaminated. The water is raised by steam power to a standpipe, from which it is distributed under a sufficient head to enter the highest rooms in the village and to extinguish fires, the town being supplied with three well-equipped and well-manned hose companies and a hook and ladder company.

TAXES AND TOWN AFFAIRS.

Those who would reside where the public affairs are carefully managed and the public money judiciously spent, and would *dodge* those towns and cities where reck-

lessness and extravagance prevail, will find in Sharon a desirable home.

The voters of Sharon are liberal in making appropriations for all objects supported by town taxes, but so carefully and judiciously is the money expended that the tax is kept low, on a low valuation. This town was the first one in the State to supply free text-books to scholars. It supports a High School though not required by law to do so, and the schools are all kept forty weeks in a year. The schools are partly supported by the income of an invested fund, which was given for that purpose many years ago. The town debt is small and being rapidly diminished. There is a very good Town Hall, good fire apparatus well housed, and the town's poor are well cared for on a large farm. The appropriations recommended by the different boards of town officers are generally voted without a dissenting voice. Yet with all this liberality on the part of the town, the tax rate averages only ten dollars on one thousand dollars, and that, as has been said, on a low valuation.

There is a reasonable hope that even this low tax rate will soon be considerable reduced. The valuation of the town is but little more than one million of dollars. Should few rich people gain a residence here, as they talk of doing, the valuation of Sharon would be more than doubled and the tax rate be reduced in the same proportion.

The following extract from the Sharon Advocate will serve to show what manner of a town Sharon is:

"This town has neither the manufacturing nor the wealth of most of the adjoining towns, but in the moral and social standing of its people and its benevolence and public spirit, it will compare favorably with other towns. When a law was passed permitting towns to furnish text-books free to schools, it was just like Sharon to be the first town in the State to adopt the plan. It was just like Sharon to support a High School, though not compelled by law to do so. For thirty years it has been just like Sharon to vote all the money the school committee asked for, and these votes are generously passed unanimously. In other towns and cities appropriations are usually higgled over and cut down. For thirty years it has been just like Sharon to vote without question almost every cent of money that has been asked for, for every reasonable purpose, and it has been just like Sharon to spend that money so judiciously that we take good care of our poor, have good roads and low taxes. It is just like Sharon to have a fine Town Hall at a mo derate cost; a good Public Library: to have its lake well stocked with fish; to have the telephone and telegraph, and to have railroad and mail accommodations unsurpassed by any town of its size within a like distance of Boston. More than fifty years ago, a few citizens of Sharon sup-

plied themselves with pure water from Sharon Springs, by forcing it up to an elevation of one hundred feet, which was something they had never seen accomplished, and which wise men told them could never be done, This was just like Sharon, and unlike any other town in the vicinity; and now when the old works are inadequate, it is just like Sharon to vote unanimously a liberal sum to supply the whole village with pure water. We might mention many other commendable things in which Sharon is unlike other towns, if our space would permit."

STORES AND MARKETS.

Sharon being a farming town with milk farms, market gardens, and poultry yards, fresh and nice vegetables, poultry, milk and eggs are always to be had. Physicians say that milk from cows kept in Sharon is healthier than that from cows kept in less healthy towns. The stores and markets of Sharon supply meats, groceries and fruits, equal in quality to the best sold in Boston, and the vast woodlands of Sharon supply an abundance of fuel to those who would enjoy healthy luxury of an open wood fire.

SOCIETY.

Socially, Sharon is like most well ordered New England villages, much enlivened of late, however, by the presence of families and individuals of culture who

have come from other places to find pleasant, healthy homes here. There is a prosperous lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The Masons, Odd Fellows and Grand Army members meet with lodges in Canton which is only three miles away. The Sharon members of the Grand Army maintain an outpost and reading room. There are several literary clubs and societies which enliven the winter evenings for those socially inclined. Five churches furnish religious instruction. There is a good Public Library, free to all. The Town Hall is used for lectures, concerts and entertainments and assemblies and a late train from Boston and Providence every night, summer and winter, gives an opportunity to attend lectures, concerts and theatres in either city. The town always votes no license, and no rum-shops or disreputable houses are allowed.

New comers to the town are sure of a cordial welcome from those already here. It is characteristic of Sharon people to like to see their neighbors have a pleasant and enjoyable time.

SCENERY, WALKS AND DRIVES.

The scenery, walks and drives of Sharon are unsurpassed, and I think unequaled in any other town in eastern Massachusetts. They cannot be adequately described, but must be seen to be appreciated. Usually where the scenery is wild

the roads are poor, if not absolutely unsafe. It is not so here. The roads are good in all parts of the town. In the following drives you are supposed to start from the postoffice: "Every one will wish to drive around Massapoag pond; from the postoffice and back it is six miles. Another drive you must take to see Sharon is to Moose Hill. The nearest town road is past the depot. The large new house on your right as you ascend the first hill beyond the station, is the "Ella Reed Home," built by Miss C. Bates of Boston, as a home for destitute children. It is occupied by Miss Bates as a residence for herself and a limited number of children. At her decease she proposes to leave it in the care of Trinity Church in Boston, as a children's home. On the right as you go up the next hill is the Sharon Sanatarium. The next house on the right was a short time ago, occupied by two brothers, honest Scotchmen, and, although own brothers, they each was named "John Smith." To return from the hill by easier grades come down Moose Hill St. to Main St. From the summit of this hill may be seen the residences of one-quarter of all the inhabitants of Massachusetts. The following interesting sketch of what may be seen from Moose Hill, was prepared for me by E. G. Chamberlain, Esq., of Auburndale, Mass., who is a member of the Appalachian Club:

"Moose Hill is 530 feet above sea level.

The tower affords an additional elevation of twenty feet. The tower is square, the siders facing precisely to the four cardinal points. Let us take the views in order from left to right. All elevations are reckoned from the sea level and all bearings from the *true meridian*.

Due north is West Dedham Unitarian Church, six miles distant, quite conspicuous on a hill. A little to the right is Arlington Heights, twenty miles, and under it the Theological Seminary, on Institution Hill in Newton. More to the right is Norwood village, five miles, and Dedham with its courthouse dome nine miles. About N. N. E. is Boston, the State House dome bearing N. 25 degrees 27 E. eighteen miles. Just at its left is the white tower of Roxbury standpipe, and between and beyond them is Bunker Hill Monument. A trifle to the right is the large village of Hyde Park, ten miles. N. E. is the Blue Hill range. Great Blue at the left being eight miles distant and 635 feet high. A little left of it we may get a glimpse of tide water near Winthrope, while nearer we look down on the meadows of the Neponset river. Next to Great Blue is Hancock Hill, then Hillside Street Gap, Bugbee Hill, and the peak of Chickataubut, 518 feet high, under whose left flank is Bear Hill, hardly separable. In line with Chickataubut is Canton Corner Church, five and one half miles. A little to the right is Canton village, four miles, and nearly over its left

hand steeple is Strawberry Hill, twenty-one miles, crowned by a standpipe. To the left of this and nearer, is the tower on Penn's Hill (in Braintree?). To the right of the right hand of Canton steeple is the triple-towered Atlantic House at Nantasket, twenty-one miles. Between Strawberry Hill and Atlantic House may be seen Massachusetts Bay, the sea horizon line being thirty and one-half miles distant. A little to the right, nine miles off, are the three tall spires of Randolph, about three degrees apart, the left hand one bearing E. N. E. Due E. is Sharon, two miles, and over it the large village of Stoughton, six miles. Considerable to the right, ten miles off, is Brockton. Just right of its tallest spire is the Standish Monument on Captain's Hill, in Duxbury, twenty-eight and one-half miles. The large pond two miles S. E. is Massapoag. Nearly over its left end is East Bridgewater, fifteen miles, and over its right end Middleboro, twenty-two miles. Due S. (S. 0° 20 W.) is Great Meadow Hill in Rehoboth, seventeen miles, crowned by a group of trees. Nearly under its right base is Mansfield, seven miles. About S. S. W. are the two spires of Foxboro, four and one-half.

Half way between Great Meadow and Foxboro, appears a very small sharp peak, Oak Hill in Attleboro, fifteen miles and nearer, at its right, the village of East Attleboro. Turning nearly to W.

S. W., we see, three miles off, South Walpole with its short, white steeple. Nearly over its left is the summit of Woonsocket Hill, in Rhode Island, twenty miles. To the right of W. S. W. is the tall cupola of Dean Academy in Franklin, with steeples at its right.

Turning nearly to W. N. W. we see the low-pointed ridge, Asnybumskit Hill, in Paxton, 1,407 feet, thirty-seven miles and more toward N. W., the very conspicuous Wachuset Mountain in Princetown, of the same range, 2,018 feet, forty-three miles, is seen over Walpole village, two and one-half miles off. Midway between Asnybumskit and Wachuset is seen Rice Hill in Rutland forty-one miles, a little left of which are three steeples, nearly in line, and one above the other, viz: Hopkinton, seventeen miles, Shrewsbury, twenty-eight miles, and Rutland, forty-two miles. Somewhat to the right of Wachuset, is the low ridge of Monoosnook Hill in Leominster, forty-one miles, seen over Medfield village, six and one-half miles off. Still to the right Grand Monadnock Mountain in Jaffrey, N. H., sixty-eight miles, 3,170 feet high, a sharp peak falling off very gradually to the right. Between Monoosnook and Monadnock, just N. W., is Sherborn Church, eleven miles. Against the right flank of Monadnock is the nob of Watatick Mountain, in Ashburnham, Mass., 1,847 feet, fifty-two miles, a peak of the Wachusett range. This range we follow to the

right of N. H. by Mt. Kidder in New Ipswich, Spofford and Temple Mountains in Temple, and the noticeable twin summits of Pack Monadnock, near Peterboro. The latter are about 2,280 feet high and sixty-two miles distant. Between Watatick and Kidder, the near round hill, nineteen miles off, in Nobcott, in Framingham, 602 feet.

To the right of Pack Monadnock, eight miles off, is a group of hills in Dover, through a gap in which we get a glimpse of Lyndeboro Pinnacle, sixty-two miles off. Turning far towards the north we see Prospect Hill, in Waltham, eighteen miles, with Little Prospect on its left flank, and further left the village of Lincoln, twenty-one miles. I have identified some prominent buildings in about fifty villages, some of them requiring the telescope. Many other villages have been observed but not yet fully identified. The spire at the right of Foxboro may be proved to be in Pawtucket, R. I. The calculated bearing of Brown University, at Providence, twenty-two and one-half miles places it midway between the Foxboro steeples, but I have never been favored with a view of it. It is probably not visible."

The air on the hill is very invigorating, and persons with weak lungs enjoy it much. Invalids, by carrying a lunch and spending some hours on the hill, are often benefitted. I regret that there is no boarding place there. Perhaps some

time there will be a sanitarium or hotel on the hill. It would be well patronized.

On your return, on Moose Hill Street, you will pass the barn of Henry L. de Bussigny, where are kept in summer, some of the finest saddle horses in the country. His stable is worthy of a visit from all lovers of fine bred horses.

The poultry house that you pass on returning is over eight hundred feet long, and has a wing, not in sight of the road, four hundred and eighty feet long. It was intended for ten thousand fowl.

For a short drive take Main Street, west, turn the first left through "Gunhouse Lane," then next left home In Gunhouse Lane formerly stood the gunhouse in which was stored the cannon to protect the nhabitants from their enemies. Elm Lawn, near the corner of the lane, was formerly the Randall homestead and here died, not many years ago, "Boston Randall," a very aged negro, and probably the last slave owned in Massachusetts. He was brought from Africa, and kept as a body servant until he finally became a family pet. He refused his freedom and was kindly cared for by the family while he lived. He was buried, as was his master's family, in the Chestnut Tree Cemetery.

Another short drive is past the Sharon Sanitarium to the town farm.

For a romantic drive take Main Street, and Walpole Street to Mrs. Benjamin Rhoades' house, turn sharp to the left

and follow County Street until it comes to Main Street near Paradise Cranberrry meadow. County Street is full of sharp pitches and not much travelled, but it is decidedly wild and has a history. It is one of the oldest roads in Massachusetts, having been called "the path to Bristol." It was over this road that Madame Knight rode on the first night of her famous journey to New York, and the "Wayman's Ordinary," where she spent the first night stood near where the cranberry storehouse now stands. Here Ebenezer Billings is supposed to have built his tavern about 1668, many years before there was a white person in what is now Canton.

For a variety of ferns drive through the Pigeon Swamp road. Maiden hair ferns grow here. You will have a romantic drive to go past Leonard's mill, turning sharp to the left at the cemetery, and taking the first right and then the next right. Near the house of W. H. Agry, on this road, you get a splendid view and an assortment of ferns.

Drive to Wolomolopoag pond and turn to the left and the next left home. If you care for places of historic interest, when on this drive take the right at Mrs. T. E. Clark's and go to Clapp's sawmill. Here was the foundry where under Gen. Gridley, was cast the first cannon ever made in the country.

Not far from Mrs. Clark's, King Philip and his warriors camped the night they burned Medfield, in 1676. They passed

the "Waymen's Ordinary" just at dusk, but spared it because one of the chiefs said, "Billings is Indians' friend."

It is six miles to Foxboro and six to South Walpole. On the South Walpole road Mr. Lyman Plympton has a cultivated cranberry bog and a cultivated white pine grove, both equal, if not superior to any others in the state. To Walpole it is five miles, six to Norwood, three to Canton. At Canton, go and see the large solid stone viaduct, by which the railroad crosses the highway and Neponset river. It used to be considered one of the wonders of the age. To Dedham it is ten miles.

To Stoughton it is six miles and to North Easton it is seven. At the latter, the Unitarian Church, and other public buildings and the magnificent grounds of the late F. L. Ames, which are open to the public, are worthy of a visit. To Easton Furnace, seven miles, is a pleasant drive. To East Foxboro is six miles. Much of the way this road runs beside the railroad track.

Lovers of wild flowers and ferns will find a great variety here. Those who delight to see farming operations will be interested in the market gardens and greenhouses on Sharon plain, and the cranberry meadows further west. The woods and ponds of Sharon furnish game for the hunter, and the numerous ponds and brooks furnish fish for the angler, and the ponds also furnish ample opportuni-

ties for boating and bathing. Besides numerous mill ponds in Sharon, there are two beautiful sheets of water called Wolomolopoag and Massapoag. Though only a mile apart they are at the head of different rivers; one flows to the west and the other to the east. Massapoag contains four hundred and sixty acres of water and is three hundred feet above sea level. There is a drive completely around it. Formerly the water flowed from this pond into both the Taunton and the Neponset rivers. The early settlers used to liken it to a leaky barrel, from which the water flowed in all directions.

Being at the summit of both rivers, it was the boundary between the lands of the Narragansett and Massachusett Indians, while Wolomolopoag flowed into the Taunton and belonged exclusively to King Philip's tribe. The name Wolomolopoag is Indian, and signifies pleasant water or sweet water and it was most truthfully named, being a beautiful sheet of water.

FARMS AND LAND FOR SALE.

There are several farms within from ten to thirty minutes' drive of the two depots in Sharon, that can be bought very low and some of them on easy terms. A man who is willing to work can make a good living on one of these farms and is sure to get a rise on his land. There

is not nor never has been a boom in Sharon real estate, neither has it ever been depressed, but since the introduction of water in 1885, there has been considerable growth in the village and a marked rise in the value of eligible house lots. In ten years land values in the best localities have doubled twice and I think this growth and rise in values are likely to continue as land is still cheap here compared to what it sells for in less favored localities. Good house lots within ten minutes' walk of the station, churches, stores and post office, sell at from $400 to $5,000 an acre or from 1 to 10 cents a foot, according to location and the condition of the land. In large quantities and in some localities a reduction is made from these prices. Most people buy lots of from one-quarter to one-half an acre. This gives ample room for a garden and poultry yard. Near the railroad on the west side of the track are some large tracts of unimproved lands and woodlands that can be bought cheap and are worth the attention of capitalists and builders as they can be cut up at a profit. Northwest of Sharon Station and only five minutes' walk from it is a tract of land (Hillside Terrace) that has been opened up by a Boston gentleman. These lots have a southern slope, a fine view, perfect drainage, and will be sold only to desireable parties.

HOUSES FOR SALE AND TO LET.

There are houses for sale in and near the village with from 10,000 feet to 23 acres of land and at prices from $700 to $10,000. Some of these have all modern conveniences and nearly all of them are supplied with Sharon spring water. There are usually furnished houses to let, some with ample grounds and stables, and a few unfurnished ones, but it is only fair to say that the supply of places to let is usually far short of the demand and rents in Sharon are not so low as in some other localities. It is well therefore, if you wish to hire a house, to inquire early in the season. This book is not intended as a catalogue of the property that is for sale or to let in Sharon and because you don't see advertised in it such a place as you wish, it doesn't follow that there is no such place here.

Before you locate anywhere, write me and carefully describe what you wish, or better still, come and see me and let me show you the town. You will find it is all and more than this book claims it is, and perhaps you will find here just what you wish. You will find my carriage at Sharon Station on the arrival of the 10.18 A. M. and first P. M. train from Boston every pleasant day except Saturdays and Sundays. If you wish to come by any other train, please notify me by telegraph telephone or letter. You can at all times telephone directly to my house.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

There are frequent inquiries from people who would like to reside in Sharon, and wish some remunerative business. There are calls for men skilled in the building trades and someone to sell building material. Boarding house and hotel keepers can always find a good opening here, as the calls for accommodations always far exceeds the supply. I have a good hotel to sell or let. There is an urgent call for a first-elass hygienic hotel or sanitarium in Sharon, such as they have in California, where the tired and convalescent and weary can go for rest and recuperation. One such house might be made very profitable. There is an unlimited number of people who are out of health and are able and willing to pay large prices if they could find accommodations in a well conducted sanatarium where they could have Sharon air and water. There is a fine opening for a capitalist or a builder to erect houses here to sell or to let.

Poultry and milk farming and market gardening is unusually profitable in Sharon, as our numerous cottagers furnish a market at the highest retail prices and the manufacturing cities and towns in the vicinity take all the surplus at renumerative prices. I have farms for sale of all sizes up to 300 acres and all prices up to $15,000. I have two or three extra nice horse and stock farms to sell to monied men.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

The Massapoag Lake House is finely situated on the south side of the pond near a pine grove. It has been open twenty-five years and has been several times enlarged and now contains one hundred rooms, new bowling alleys, new dirt tennis courts and new billiard and pool tables have been added this year. The grounds are large and there is always everything here that is desirable to make summer life pleasant.

The Hotel Sharon is within easy walking distance of the station and is a well kept house, open the year round for permanent and transient guests.

At Crescent Ridge farm at East Sharon some twenty boarders can be accommodated. It is a very pleasant place.

Stone Holm occupies one of the finest and most expensive estates in the town and no expense is spared to make the house service and table equal to the best. It is open through the year and is well patronized in the winter.

The Ingleside is a new house, pleasantly situated on the highest land in the village. It can accommodate about twelve.

There are several boarding houses where from two to twelve boarders are taken at from six to twelve dollars a week.

I intend to keep thoroughly posted in regard to those who have vacant rooms, the location, prices, etc., and am al-

ways happy to give information and make suggestions to those seeking board and am often enabled to save them time, trouble and money. If those seeking board, will write enclosing a stamp, I will cheerfully furnish them any desired information. Please state what you require, how many rooms, whether there are children, and what prices you expect to pay. "Reasonable prices," if from a stranger, conveys no information to me, since thirty dollars a week from some of my patrons would be reasonable, and others find it hard to pay five dollars. Generally board cannot be obtained for less than seven dollars a week. This branch of my business is of no pecuniary profit to me, but it is my desire and for my interest to see people located in Sharon to their own satisfaction. Good carriages with careful drivers who know the boarding places, will be furnished on application to me at not to exceed one dollar an hour. Come by the 10.18 A. M. or the first P. M. train; if coming on any other train, give previous notice by mail, telegraph or telephone, and my carriage will be at the station. No charge for information or suggestion, but those who find it necessary to employ a carriage will confer favor on me and in some measure recompense me for my trouble, by patronizing my team.

W. B. WICKES, Sharon, Mass.

Telephone No. 27-3, Canton.

VILLAGE PROPERTY.

ON Main St. is a nearly new house and 12,000 feet of land. The house has hot water heat. There are eight square rooms. Adjoining this estate is a store and 12,000 feet of land. The two estates belong to the same party and business having called him away he is anxious to dispose of them. They will be sold separately or together. The store is a fine stand for any kind of trade. This is a good opportunity for some enterprizing man to go into business in a growing town.

NEAR the Town Hall is a well rented 10-room house. Has bath and furnace and 1-4 acre of land. This would make a nice permanent residence. Will be sold on very easy terms.

VERY centrally located is a 10-room house and 25,000 feet of land. This is a well built and well planned house, with all modern improvements. Would make a nice private residence or a small boarding house. The owner is absent from the State and is anxious to sell.

ON Pleasant St., the Mitchell estate has 100,000 feet of land, a large old house and stable. There is a nice orchard and some shade trees. The view is one of the finest in town and the place is central, and yet retired and only a short distance from the station, the post office, stores and churches. Price $6,000. This is one of the best bargains offered in Sharon.

ON Maple Ave. is a nearly new, well built house, 6 rooms and bath. This is a very neat, inexpensive place and will be sold with one, two or three lots of land. It sets high and is a desirable place. Will be sold on very reasonable terms. Inquire of the owner, JACOB BERG, 159 High St., Boston, or W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

ON the outskirts of the village on the borders of the lake is one of the prettiest situated farms in the country. There are 14 acres of land, an 8-room house with all modern conveniences and a large barn; plenty of shade and young fruit trees. This place has a large frontage on Massapoag and is capable of being cut up to great advantage.

ON easy terms I will sell a nearly new modern house with every improvement including electric bells and 10,000 feet of land. There are wide piazzas and it is a pretty house.

NEAR the above is a larger house owned by the same man. It is also a very pretty and well planned house. The owner, Mr. James Woodlock, is an enterprising carpenter and has several houses to sell or let. Come and see him and if he has not got what you want he will build one to suit you. Address, JAMES WOODLOCK, Sharon, or W. B. WICKES.

A MODERN 9-room house, all conveniences, with stable, central, yet retired, not three minutes from the Library, will be sold low and on easy terms. The same owner has a house, stable, hen house and garden just out of the village but on Main St. He has not the capital to carry them and will sell either at a bargain. One of them would be let if desired.

NEAR the Library, yet retired is a very pretty 9-room house and 22,000 feet of land. It has all modern improvements and a splendid view. This place will be sold on very easy terms on application to the owner, F. E. BURBANK, 987 Washington St., Boston, or to W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

THERE is a house of 9 rooms, a good stable and a fine garden, in the village. Will be sold on favorable terms.

THE estate of the late Dr. Webber is one of the finest in Sharon. There is a large house with ample grounds, wide verandas, wide halls, open fires, set tubs and everything usually found in a gentleman's house. There are two other buildings on the estate, one of which would make a fine stable. Taking into consideration the view and the location, this estate is unsurpassed for a gentleman's residence by any place in our village. Price $9,000.

ON Cottage St. is a nearly new cottage with all conveniences. It is a pretty place. The owner took it for debt and as he lives out of town he wants to unload it. Inquire of the owner, E. P. CLAPP, Stoughton, or W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

IN the village is a cottage house and garden belonging to an old man who would like to sell. The garden contains most all kinds of fruit.

THE "Winship estate," Pond St., with 45,000 feet of land and a small stable, plenty of fruit and shade trees. There are two houses, one of them cost $10,000 to build. It has 15 rooms and all conveniences, including open fires. The other house is nearly new, has 8 rooms, open fire and bath. These will be sold so as to make a good investment and on any terms. Apply to A. M. SHURTLEFF, 18 Tremont St., Boston, or W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

TO LET FURNISHED.

THERE are about 20 large and small furnished houses in my hands to let. Some of them have all modern improvements and many of them have not. Several have stables if desired. Some are only to be had during the school vacations and others can be had for a year or more.

A 10 room house with furnace and bath, stable and 125,000 feet of land. There is a tennis court, fine shade and much that is attractive. This will be let for one or more years.

A 9-room house and 50,000 feet of land. This is right in the heart of the village; will be let by the year. A stable with it if desired.

AN elegant house and garden, stable, and everything usually found on a lady's summer place. The garden is all planted. This is an almost perfect place, will be rented for the season or the year. It is handy to everything.

TWO cottages for light housekeeping, 4 rooms each, open fire places, five minutes' walk from Sharon Heights Station, will be let for $100 each for the season. Near these is a 3-room cottage that will be let for the same price.

A VERY nice furnished house, all conveniences, six rooms will be let as long as wanted.

A 9-room house in the village. a good country home, no bath, will be let while the family are at the seashore.

AN 8 room country cottage, piazza and lots of trees, will be let for two months.

IN the village is a 6-room cottage, will be rented while the family go "down east." There is plenty of grass and shade.

MONTFERM is finely located on a hill in a grove. The house commands a fine view. It has all modern improvements and is a very pretty place. This house was built by W. H. Agry, 158 Washington St., Boston, for his own use, but I have since sold him a large farm and he wishes to let this furnished or sell it. Will sell on easy terms. Inquire of MR. AGRY, or W. B. WICKES.

IN the village is a two story house, stable and garden, will be let furnished or sold.

A 12-room house will be let fully furnished. Garden all planted. Stable if desired.

A COTTAGE on Pond St. will be rented while the family go to the seashore.

HOUSE LOTS.

I HAVE house lots for sale on Ames, Beach, Cedar, Cottage, Gunhouse, Highland, Maple, Moosehill, North Main, Norwood, Pleasant, Pond, South Main, Walpole and Woodland Streets. These lands vary in price from $75 an acre to $.08 or $.10 a foot.

ON Walpole St., I have some fine house lots for sale at low price but the land is not cleared.

NEAR Massapoag I have 37 house lots of about 20,000 feet each, for sale. These are on the line of the water pipes and all the lots can be supplied with Sharon water at slight expense.

I HAVE another tract of 50 or more house lots near Massapoag. These have pine and other forest trees on them.

I HAVE for sale some fine tracts of land to cut up. One near the station is one of the best bargains ever offered in Sharon.

CONTRACTORS and builders might do well to buy some of these lots and build houses on them to sell or let, as rents are high here and the demand for houses always exceeds the supply.

ON Pleasant St. are some fine vacant lots. They are high, dry, perfectly drained and command a splendid view.

E. C. BOYDEN, corner of Joy and Mrytle Sts., Boston, has some fine house lots on the highest part of the village. They will only be sold to those who will build first-class houses. Inquire of him or come and see me and I will show them to you.

W. B. WICKES.

TO LET.

A GENTLEMAN'S farm with all kinds of large and small fruits and berries will be let for a term of years to a first-class family. The house has Sharon water and all improvements. There are verandas and shade trees. It is only just out of the village. The stock and tools will go with the place.

A 40-acre farm without the stock and tools will be rented for a term of years. This is a pretty and nicely located place with shade and fruit trees and pine groves.

IN the village and handy to everything is a 9-room house, garden and stable. The house has bath and furnace and open wood fire. Will be rented for one or more years, or sold on easy terms. Apply to the owner, A. M. SHURTLEFF, 13 Tremont St., Boston, or W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

THE Baptist parsonage will be rented while the society are without a resident pastor. It is a pretty place and has piazza and furnace, no bath. Inquire of REV. Mr. MERRIAM, Tremont Temple Building, Boston, or W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

AN 8-room cottage with plenty of land will be rented for $12 a month. It has Sharon water.

THE Turner store, where the late Calvin Turner acquired a competency, will be let for a term of years. A tenement and stable with it if desired. Inquire of L. ASPINWALL, 5 Vinton St., Providence, R. I., or W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

AN up-stairs tenement, 4 rooms and town water, $5 a month.

TWO tenements of 4 rooms each, will be let to quiet families without children.

ONE of the prettiest situated farms in the county will be rented for a term of years. There is a large old fashioned house, 14 rooms and a bath, two barns and 80 acres of good land. There is boating, fishing and shooting on the place. This is just the place for a family with young people who want to enjoy life at a moderate expense.

ON the highest land in the village, one of the nicest houses in town, has a bath, furnace, gas, electric bells, set tubs, etc. There are wide verandas and ample grounds. This fine estate will be rented for one or more years. Apply to the owner, E. C. BOYDEN, cor. Joy and Myrtle Sts., Boston, or to W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

LARGE FARMS.

IN Sharon and near by towns I have several farms of from 100 to 300 acres that can be had at bargains. Some of them have been in the same families for five or six generations. Come and see what bargains I can give you.

HERE is a 300-acre farm on which the present owner has worked over 80 years. He has no boy and would like to sell. It commands a fine view but is lonesome.

ON very high land is a 200-acre farm, 3 houses and 2 barns. Lots of fruit of all kinds. This also is a fine place for a gentleman or a stock raiser.

ON Moose Hill, 450 feet above the sea and overlooking Boston, is a fine stock farm of 150 acres or more, two houses, two barns and sheds. The air, water, scenery, and drainage are perfect; wild berries grow in the pastures. This is an ideal place for a rich man and will be sold so low that a working farmer can afford to own it.

A CHILDLESS widow wishes to sell the old homestead which her ancestors cleared up "In good old colony times, when we lived under a king." There are 200 acres of land, plenty of wood and water, some lake frontage. This farm has some 6,000 feet of frontage on a highway and will be sold cheap. Apply to W. B. WICKES.

IN towns near Sharon I have one or two very large farms which I can sell so low that the purchaser is sure of a handsome profit if he wants to sell in a few years.

FARMS.

A 40-acre farm, buildings nearly new, only 1 1-4 miles from station, good neighborhood. A fine trout brook on this farm. Price, $3,000; only $1,000 down.

NEAR schools and in a fine neighborhood I have for sale a 36-acre farm, good cottage house, barn, all kinds of fruit, a nice fine grove, plenty of wood and fine shade trees. This is a very attractive place, only 12 minutes' walk from a station. Price, $3,700.

A 60-acre farm. House is large and nice, big barn, groves, hills and hollows, brooks, and all kinds of romantic things. Price, $7,500.

AN 80-acre farm on a main road but lonesome, cuts a lot of hay, and there is plenty of wood, but the buildings and fences are very poor. To settle an estate I will sell this place for a little less than $2,000; $1,000, or less, down.

POULTRY FARMS.

I HAVE some bargains in poultry farms, among them.

A 22-acre farm with all the stock and tools for $2,300.

A 30-acre farm with 500 cords of pine wood on it and good buildings for $2,600.

Several others at various prices.

TROUT FARMS.—There are yet a few farms in the market here with trout brooks running through them. It has been demonstrated that trout culture can be made very profitable, as the fish can be raised pound for pound as cheap as poultry and the fish sell two or three times as high as the chickens.

VEGETABLE FARMS.—I have several small and one or two large farms especially adapted to raising garden truck. This to one who understands it is very profitable business.

I HAVE a poultry farm to sell that the hen houses now there cost $6,000, and I will sell the whole thing for $4,000 and if you won't give that, will take $3,500; only $1,000 down. Whew! what a bargain.

IN Walpole I have for sale a large old fashioned house with barn and shade trees. There is 70,000 feet of land. This is on the line of the water pipes and electric lights and only one-half mile from steam cars and the new line of electrics. This is one of those old estates that has been in one family many years.

IN Canton I have for sale an old homestead that has been in one family a great many years. There is a large house, barn, shop and 19 acres of land. It is on a main road but is two miles from station.

ON Bay St. is a nearly new house with a few acres of cleared land and wood, the whole making a very pretty farm. There is a barn and hen house. This place belongs to Mr. Dea. E. P. Clapp, of Stoughton, who took it for debt and he is anxious to sell it. Inquire of him or W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

ON Sharon Plain is a nice little farm that has lots of fruit, fine shade trees and pine woods. A real home looking place. It is less than a mile from a station where they have twelve trains each way every day.

THERE are several large tracts of woodland in my hands for sale, some of them would be good investments. One of them is valuable to cut up.

THERE is a tract of heavy wood belonging to a missionary society that they want to sell. This is a good opening for a working man to cut it off and market it.

Remember this is by no means a list of the places I have to sell and let. There are new places offered every week. Come and see if I have not got what you want.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Do you want a farm to get a living on?
Do you want a farm for a plaything?
Do you want a cranberry meadow?
Do you want a poultry yard?
Do you want a wood lot?
Do you want a lot of vacant land?
Do you want to hire money?
Do you want a house for a home?
Do you want a house to let, as an investment?
Do you want to hire a house?
Do you want to sell a house or let one?
Do you want to sell a farm or some land?
Do you want a boarding place?
Do you want to take boarders?
Do you want to sell any kind of business?
Do you want to go into any kind of business or invest any money?
In short, do you wish to buy, sell or hire anything in Sharon or vicinity, or want to get a home in Sharon?

Apply to W. B. WICKES, Sharon.

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WHAT DO YOU WANT?

HILLSIDE TERRACE.

Land on this beautiful site is now for the first time offered for sale; it is only five minutes walk from station, is very elevated, commands a fine view, has pure air and perfect drainage.

The lots are large, giving ample room for flower and vegetable gardens. There are pine trees on the land and pine groves near.

These lots are the best that are offered in Sharon, and will be sold on easy terms to desirable parties, and money advanced to build with if desired.

For plans and other information, apply to

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Double and Single Carriages with or without drivers furnished at short notice.
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Leave orders at Branch Store, Morse Building, opp, Town Hall.

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Are prepared to furnish everything needed for the burial of the dead. Most careful attention given each case.

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Wood cut and split to any size desired. Fireplace wood a specialty. All orders filled promptly.

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Orders taken for all kinds of food including

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The lots are on and near Pond Street, and within three minutes' walk of Lake Massapoag, which they overlook.

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Open from May to Oct.

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The hotel has electric bells, telephone, gas, steam heat, a good laundry and new iron fire escapes. Spring water of unsurpassed purity. We raise our own vegetables. Fresh milk received twice a day from an adjacent dairy. Good Boarding and Livery Stables. Fine roads for driving. Lawn Tennis Courts, Croquet, Billiards, Pool, Boating, Bathing, Bowling, Hunting and Fishing.

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Sweet Potato,	75	Cocoanut,	75
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Tom-Tom,	75	Cardinal Punch,	75
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